Documentaries on political leaders

2179. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) names and number of documentaries/features/serials telecast on political leaders of the country since 1st January, 1991 till date;

(b) time given to each of them and the channel from where these were telecast;

(c) coverage given during news time on aforesaid occasions; and

(d) criteria adopted for selection for such telecasts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d) It has always been the endeavour of Doordarshan to telecast programmes on eminent leaders and to suitably cover in the news bulletins the celebrations connected with their birth anniversaries. However, telecast of such programme is dependent on programme requirements on such occasions. Details of such programmes telecast and coverage given in the news bulletins by different Doordarshan Kendras from 1st January, 1991 till date are not kept centrally in a compiled from.

Mismanagement and misuse of Hyderabad Television and Radio

2180. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in Telegraph of 23rd September, 1991 regarding mismanagement and misuse of AIR station and Doordarshan Kendra Hyderabad, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what corrective measures Government propose to take in this matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) An enquiry into the allegations against the All India Radio Station and Doordarshan Kendra at Hydrabad as contained in a report which appeared in 'The Telegraph' dated 23-9-1991 was conducted. It was found that except for one allegation regarding misuse of Doordarshan for election purposes which had been taken note of by the Election Commission (without any suggested action), no other allegations have been substantiated.

Review of major media units

2181. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review of the role of major media units has ben undertaken by the Government;

(b) if so, the names of such units with their backround;

(c) whether any amount is likely to be spent on this exercise; and

(d) if so, details thereof; unit-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No review of the role of major media units has been undertaken by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. However, a Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Professor M. N. Srinivas to review the performance of IIMC, was set up in February, 1989. The Committee consisted of nine members including the Chairman held 7 sittings and discusstd the functioning of IIMC since the last review conducted in 1974. The Committee has submitted its report to the Government in June, 1991.

(b) The Indian Institute of Mass Communication is an autonomous body and registered on 22-1-1966 under the Societies Registration Act, (XXI) of 1860. The Institute functions as an autonomous cen-

tre for advanced study in Mass Communication, training and research and is funded by the Ministry or Information and Broadcasting.

(c) and (d) An amount of Rs. 68,956 was incurred by the Institute as TA/DA to the members of the Committee.

Telecast of Hindi news from Madras Doordarshan

2182. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National news in Hindi i.e., Samachar, is not telecast by Madras Centre of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to give similar freedom to other Doordarshan centres to opt out from National News, Samachar, etc. and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d) The relay of the evening National news bulletin in Hindi from Doordarshan Kendra, Madras, was discontinued from November, 1982 at the request of Government of Tamil Nadu. The Government does not propose to extend this arrangement to other Kendras;

सभाओं और रैलियों का आकाशवाणी/दूरदर्शन से प्रसारण के लिए मानदण्ड

2183. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजनीतिक दलों की सभाओं तथा रैलियों के प्रसारण के सम्बन्ध में दूरदर्शन और आकाशवाणी द्वारा क्या मानदण्ड निर्धारित किये गये हैं ; और

(ख) वर्ष 1990 के दौरान इन मानदण्डों का कहां तक पालन किया गया है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) और (ख) निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा अनुमोदित योजना के अंतर्गत मान्यता प्राप्त राजनीतिक पार्टियों द्वारा लोक सभा/राज्य विधान सभाओं के चुनाव के दौरान आकाशवाणी/दूरदर्शन पर प्रसारण/टेलीकास्ट की व्यवस्था है

अन्य महत्वपूर्ण घटनाओं को उनके समाचारिक महत्व के आधार पर कवर किया जाता है।

A.I.R. Correspondents in Indian Embassi

2184. SHRI KHISHAN KUMAR BI LA: Will the Minister of INFORMATIO AND BROADCASTING be pleased state:

(a) what is the number of All Ind Radio Correspondents posted at the va ous Indian Embassies;

(b) what are their conditions of posti and the role they are required to play;

(c) whether Government have at a stage, reviewed their performance a utility;

(d) if so, what are the details there and

(e) whether any change is contemplate in the policy in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN TH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AN BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJ VYAS): (a) All India Radio has sev Special Correspondents posted abroa However, they are nt posted in the Indi Missions but are only attached for t limited purpose to drawal of salaries a other allied requirements and continue be under the direct administrative contr of AIR.

(b) They are generally posted for period of three years and are expected cover news/happenings and developmen in the places/countries within their juri diction.

(c) and (d) The performance and utili is reviewed and monitored on continuo basis.

(e) No, Sir.